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RSOI/Foal Eagle Safety Message

- 1. The Reception, Staging, Onward movement and Integration/Foal Eagle (RSOI/FE) exercise begins soon. This exercise provides our Soldiers a great opportunity to improve combat readiness and combined warfighting capabilities. We will provide augmentees for this exercise and commanders and leaders at all levels must be fully engaged to ensure their safe integration into USFK formations and activities.
- 2. The safety of personnel is vital to the success of our training efforts. This exercise promises huge training benefits but poses significant risks. The potential for accidents and misguided behavior increases over the duration of most exercises. These increases result from fatigue, overconfidence, complacency, adverse weather and alcohol abuse. Commanders and leaders must take the necessary actions to mitigate those risks.
 - Fatigue tends to set in after several days of hard training which lends itself to taking shortcuts. This can result in disaster. Leaders need to be keenly aware of the physical and mental condition of their personnel to guard against the risks that result from fatigue.
 - Complacency is another hazard for which we must be aware. As the exercise progresses and people do the same mission for an extended period of time, they perceive risks to be lower than they actually are setting the stage for an accident. Everyone needs to remain sharply focused throughout the entire exercise to ensure we complete this training event safely.
 - □ Leaders must understand the effects of adverse weather conditions and ensure their personnel dress appropriately and take the necessary actions to prepare for the adverse weather.
 - To prevent alcohol related incidents, commanders will ensure all 2ID personnel participating in this training exercise will comply with USFK Policy Letter # 45, Alcohol Consumption, http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/index.html?/usfk/contents/policies.html. Specifically, no exercise participant will consume alcoholic beverages from 24 hours before STARTEX until after ENDEX as directed by the Chief of Staff, USFK. Subject to further guidance, this restriction will begin at 0001, 24 Mar 07 and end when ENDEX is announced through operational channels by the CoS, USFK.

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- 4. I want you to understand my expectations; train hard, conduct operations safely and accomplish every mission. Let's continue to enforce the standards, apply the composite risk management process for all activities, and remain free of accidents, indiscipline and any violations of our alcohol policy.
- 5. I am confident that this RSOI will be a great training event as each of us remains sharply focused throughout the entire exercise to ensure we complete it safely. Second to None!

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